

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-10682-RWZ

JAMES B. CROOK

v.

HAWK SCALLOP CO., INC.,

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

August 30, 2011

**ZOBEL, D.J.**

After a seven-day trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$1.65 million. Attorney Thomas J. Hunt, who represented plaintiff at an earlier stage of the case, has moved for attorneys' fees in the amount of 50% of the attorneys' fees awarded (or 1/6 of the amount recovered), plus reimbursement for \$4,371.37 in expenses. (Docket # 101).

An attorney discharged prior to the disposition of a matter may recover a reasonable fee along with costs in quantum meruit. Mulhern v. Roach, 398 Mass. 18, 24, 494 N.E. 2d 1327, 1331 (1986). Attorney Hunt shall therefore submit a detailed account of his time and expenses incurred with supporting documentation within 30 days of the date of this order. Plaintiff may file an opposition within 14 days thereafter.

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August 30, 2011

DATE

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/s/Rya W. Zobel

RYA W. ZOBEL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

